

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):       Messaoud Benantar  
Assignee:           International Business Machines Corporation  
Title:                Method and System for Computing Digital Certificate Trust Paths Using  
                        Transitive Closures  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated May 27, 2008, having a shortened statutory period expiring August 27, 2008, and is filed within two months of the mailing date of the May 27, 2008 Office Action. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the remarks set forth below.